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CAPTIONS: SAN SALVADOR FOR RSO; PANAMA FOR OIC/RTC AND RSS FROM A/SY/OPS/T

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1. AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL B, WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO POST ON 17 MARCH 1978, TO OBTAIN ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT FOR OPR FURNISHED COM VEHICLE (1975 PLYMOUTH), POST MUST SUBMIT JUSTIFICATION TO OPR/ST INDICATING CURRENT ODOMETER READING, YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST AND POST ASSESSMENT OF VEHICLE'S CONDITION AND LIFE EXPECTENCY. IF JUSTIFICATION IS APPROVED BY OPR/ST, A/SY/OPS/T WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATE WITH OPR/ST CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF CUSTOMIZED 9MM TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM IN SELECTED VEHICLE.

2. DUE TO DESIGN AND WEIGHT OF TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM, SIDE WINDOWS WILL NOT, RPT NOT, BE OPERABLE. SYSTEM HAS EXCELLENT OPTICS AND IS NOT VERY NOTICABLE FROM

EXTERIOR OF VEHICLE. THIS SYSTEM IS BEST SUITED FOR

INSTALLATION IN CHEVROLET IMPALA, OLDSMOBILE REGENCY, AND BUICK ELECTRA MODELS WITH FRAMED SIDE WINDOWS. HARDTOP MODELS CAN NOT, RPT NOT, BE FITTED WITH TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM. AT LEAST THREE TO SIX MONTHS LEAD TIME NEEDED FOR PROCUREMENT MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, AND SHIPMENT OF VEHICLE TO POST.

3. STRONGLY RECOMMEND RSO IMMEDIATELY COORDINATE WITH POST ADMINISTRATIVE ELEMENTS TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REPORT FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT TO OPR/ST. CHRISTOPHER

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